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SUBJ: EASTERN PARTICIPATION IN GREEN WEEK

REF: (A) BONN GROUP NOTES OF JAN 23 AND FEB 8, 1978,
(B) USBERLIN 276

SUMMARY: AS A RESULT OF A SOVIET DIPLOMAT'S REMARK STATING
THAT HE BELIEVED THE SOVIET UNION WOULD PARTICIPATE IN GREEN
WEEK IF THE INVITATIONS WERE IN PROPER QA FORM, THE MISSION
ASKED THE SENAT FOR DETAILS ABOUT EASTERN OPPOSITION
TO GREEN WEEK. THE SENAT REPLY SUGGESTED THAT BOTH THE
INVITATIONS PROCEDURE AND THE DEGREE OF FRG AND EC PARTICIPA-
TION IN GREEN WEEK WERE THE CAUSE OF EASTERN NON-PARTICIPATION.
THE MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE ALLIED EMBASSIES IN BONN
DISCUSS WITH THE FRG THE POSSIBLE ENHANCEMENT OF THE CHANCE
OF SOVIET AND EASTERN PARTICIPATION BY ALTERING SLIGHTLY
THE INVITATION PROCEDURE. END SUMMARY.

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1. AFTER THE EXCHANGE REPORTED REF B AND WHILE ESCORT-
ING TYUTYUNOV TO THE DOOR, MISOFF SAID IT WOULD HAVE
BEEN BETTER ALL AROUND IF THE SOVIET UNION ALSO EXHIBITED
ITS AGRICULTURAL GOODS AT GREEN WEEK. TYUTYUNOV AGREED
WITH THE IDEA AND THOUGHT THAT IF THE GERMAN SIDE WOULD
RESPECT THE STIPULATIONS OF PARAGRAPH 1 D OF ANNEX IV
OF THE QA, THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BE WILLING TO PARTICI-

PATE IN GREEN WEEK BUT A JOINT INVITATION WAS REQUIRED. TYUTYUNOV ADDED THIS WAS HIS BEST ESTIMATE -- "HE WAS NOT CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS". WE ALSO NOTE THAT TYUTYUNOV PREDECESSOR BELETSKIY SAID IN 1973 TO US POLAD BORG THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD CONSIDER PARTICIPATION IN GREEN WEEK IF INVITATION WERE EXTENDED BY THE "SENAT AND THE FRG". HE STRESSED THIS FORMULATION TO INDICATE THAT HE ATTACHED CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO HAVING SENAT STAND BEFORE FRG ON INVITATION (IGNORING FACT THAT ANNEX IV OF QA SPECIFIES THAT INVITATIONS MAY BE ISSUED "JOINTLY BY THE FRG AND THE SENAT"). BELEKIY THEN TOOK FURTHER STEP BACKWARD BY ADDING PROVISIO THAT IT WOULD NATURALLY BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR FEDERAL PRESIDENT TO CONTINUE TO FUNCTION AS GREEN WEEK'S SPONSOR (SCHIRMBERR). (USBER 453, MARCH 15, 1973).

2. BECAUSE OF TYUTYUNOV'S REMARKS AND MAYOR LUEDER'S SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC APPEAL FOR SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN GREEN WEEK, THE U.S. LIAISON OFFICER ASKED THE SENAT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT INVITATIONS TO EASTERN BLOCK COUNTRIES TO GREEN WEEK. THE SENAT REPLIED WITH A VERMERK DATED FEBRUARY 16 (BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT, BONN AND MOSCOW), THE SENAT VERMERK STATES THAT THE MAIN REASONS FOR THE NON-PARTICIPATION OF THE EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE: A) THE ROLE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRG AS HONORARY PATRON, B) OPENING OF GREEN WEEK THROUGH THE FEDERAL CONFIDENTIAL

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MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND A MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, C) THE RECEPTION GIVEN BY THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT AND THE FEDERAL MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE GUESTS, AND D) MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF THE BUNDESTAG AND THE BUNDESRAT AS WELL AS DIFFERENT BODIES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. THE SENAT BELIEVES THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES ARE INSISTING UPON A REDUCTION IN THESE FEDERAL ACTIVITIES BEFORE THEY WILL ACCEPT AN INVITATION. AS EVIDENCE THEY INCLUDED WITH THE VERMERK A SUMMARY OF A RADIO MOSCOW BROADCAST OF JANUARY 31, 1978 WHICH CALLS GREEN WEEK A "POLITICAL EXHIBITION WHICH DEMONSTRATES WEST GERMAN PRESENCE AND INCLUDES DEMONSTRATIVE MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF THE NOTORIOUS EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN THE REICHSTAG." THE BROADCAST CONCEDES THAT GREEN WEEK IS AN UNUSUAL EXHIBITION WITH MANY INTERESTING DISPLAYS BUT ADDS THAT THE BIGGEST SHARE IS CARRIED BY THE FRG AGRICULTURAL MINISTRY WHICH IS THEREBY EMPHASIZING FRG CLAIMS TO WEST BERLIN.

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3. THE SENAT VERMERK DOES GO TO ADMIT THAT THE INVITATION PROCEDURE COULD POSSIBLY BE ANOTHER CAUSE FOR THE NON-PARTICIPATION IN GREEN WEEK. THE SENAT REPORTS THAT THE FAIR AUTHORITIES IN BERLIN (AMK) ISSUE INVITATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FRG AND THE SENAT. THE INVITATIONS ARE CONVEYED BY FRG EMBASSIES ABROAD TO THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL MINISTRIES. IN CONTRAST TO THE ABOVE PROCEDURE, IN THE CASE OF THE BERLIN FILM FESTIVAL (THE SOVIET UNION AGAIN PARTICIPATED THIS YEAR IN THE FILM FESTIVAL, THE BERLIN FAIR CAOMPNAV, WHICH BELONGS TO THE FEDERAL AND LAND BERLIN, INVITES PARTICIPANTS BY DIRECT MAIL. FRG EMBASSIES BECOME INVOLVED ONLY AFTER THE INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED. IN THE CASE OF THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED INTERNATIONAL TOURIST EXCHANGE (ITB) AGAIN WITH SOVIET PARTICIPATION, THE INVITATIONS ARE ISSUED BY ITB PERSONNEL; THERE IS NO FRG INVOLVEMENT.

4. THE ABOVE INFORMATION DOES NOT CORRESPOND COMPLETELY
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TO THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN THE BONN GROUP ON JAN.
23 BY THE FRG. WITH RESPECT TO THAT DISCUSSION, WE

DOUBT THAT THE USE OF THE REICHSTAG IS A MAJOR SOVIET CONCERN. WE SUSPECT THAT THE SOVIETS OBJECT NOT TO THE REICHSTAG ITSELF BUT TO THE MEETING OF EC BODIES THERE. WITH RESPECT TO THE FILM FESTIVAL AND THE FESTIVAL WEEKS, THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT COMES UP FOR BOTH, BUT IS NOT RPT NOT LISTED AS PATRON. IN THE 1977 FESTIVAL WEEKS, THE MAIN EASTERN OBJECTION TO EXPLAIN ITS NON-PARTICIPATION SEEMED TO BE THE COINCIDENTAL EXHIBITION OF ART OF THE 20'S UNDER EC SPONSORSHIP. DESPITE THE BEST EFFORTS OF THE SENAT TO EXPLAIN THAT THE TWO EVENTS RAN CONCURRENTLY BUT WERE INDEPENDENT OF EACH OTHER, EASTERN PARTICIPATION FELL THROUGH AND AT LEAST ONE EASTERN COUNTRY, POLAND, OBVIOUSLY REGRETTED THIS DEVELOPMENT VERY MUCH. TYUTYUNOV'S REMARKS ARE ALSO INCONSISTENT WITH THE THRUST OF THE RADIO MOSCOW BROADCAST BUT WOULD SEEM TO SUGGEST THAT AT LEAST ONE SOVIET OFFICIAL FAMILIAR WITH THE MOSCOW VIEW OF BERLIN STATUS DOES NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE GREEN WEEKS IF THE INVITATION PROCEDURE IS ACCEPTABLE.

5. WE RECOMMEND THEREFORE THAT THE ALLIED EMBASSIES IN BONN PASS ON TO THE FRG TYUTYUNOV'S REMARKS WITH A VIEW TO PLANNING NEW YEAR'S GREEN WEEK INVITATIONS IN SUCH A WAY AS TO HEIGHTEN THE POSSIBILITY OF EASTERN PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER, IF WE DO FAVOR A COLLEGE TRY AT EASTERN PARTICIPATION IN GREEN WEEK, WE WOULD DEFINITELY RECOMMEND AGAINST ANY ACCEPTANCE BY THE SENAT/FRG OF DIFFICULT CONDITIONS, AND DOUBLY SO ANY ALLIED EFFORT TO PRESSURE THE SENAT/FRG INTO MAKING CONCESSIONS AGAINST ITS WILL. RATHER WE WOULD LIKE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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SEE AN APPROACH MADE ALONG THESE LINES: "WE HAVE CLEANED UP OUR INVITATIONS WHICH NOW CONFORM FULLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE QA; WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU IN BERLIN, BUT IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO COME, GREEN WEEK WILL CONTINUE TO BE A SUCCESS WITHOUT YOU. "GEORGE

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